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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kazue SAKO  
Title: ELECTRONIC TENDER SYSTEM  
Appl. No.: 09/472,900  
Filing Date: 12/28/1999  
Examiner: B. GERHMAN  
Art Unit: 2161

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| <b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</b><br>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the date below.<br><br><u>JACK L. KIRK</u><br>(Printed Name)<br><br><u>Jack L. Kirk</u><br>(Signature)<br><br><u>JULY 23, 2003</u><br>(Date of Deposit) |
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Small Entity statement is enclosed.
- ☒ The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

|  | Claims<br>as<br>Amended | Previously<br>Paid For | Extra<br>Claims<br>Present | Rate     | Additional<br>Claims Fee |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Total Claims:  | 10                      | 20                     | 0                          | \$18.00  | \$0.00                   |
| Independents:  | 3                       | 3                      | 0                          | \$84.00  | \$0.00                   |
| First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: |                         |                        | +                          | \$280.00 | \$0.00                   |
| CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:                                    |                         |                        |                            |          | \$0.00                   |

- ☐ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Extension for response filed within the first month:  | \$110.00   | \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Extension for response filed within the second month: | \$410.00   | \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Extension for response filed within the third month:  | \$930.00   | \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Extension for response filed within the fourth month: | \$1,450.00 | \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Extension for response filed within the fifth month:  | \$1,970.00 | \$0.00 |
|                          | EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:                                  |            | \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d):     | \$110.00   | \$0.00 |
|                          | CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL:           |            | \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):        |            | \$0.00 |
|                          | TOTAL FEE:  |            | \$0.00 |

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 23, 2003

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Examiner: M. FISHER  
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**REPLY TO 1 MAY 2003 OFFICIAL ACTION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR§1.116**

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Applicant hereby replies to the 1 May 2003 official action.  
Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is requested.

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**REMARKS**

Drawings

Approval of the formal drawings filed on 25 September 2002 is again requested.

Prior art rejections

The 1 May 2003 official action addressed claims 1-10. All claims are rejected as being anticipated by or obvious in view of Franklin (U.S. 6,055,518). Applicant has reviewed Franklin in detail and believes that the claims specify subject matter that is substantially different from that of Franklin. The following discussion is provided to highlight those differences.